(a) how many cases of murder have been reported to the Police in the year 1112 and the names of the Police stations within the jurisdiction of which they have taken place;

(b) how were the cases not charged by the police disposed of and what are those cases and why were no charges laid in those cases?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—

(a) 17.

Hill Palace	.. 1	Oorakam	.. 1
Ernakulam Cusba	.. 3	Trichur Town	.. 1
Mattancheri Town	.. 1	Palayannur	.. 2
Cochin Cusba	.. 1	Chittur	.. 3
Cranganur	.. 2		
Irinjalakkuda	.. 2	Total	.. 17

(b) All the cases reported were detected and charged.

Undetected crimes—last 5 years.

160. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of undetected crimes during the last 5 years;

(b) the nature of crimes mentioned in (a);

(c) the officers who investigated each of the crimes mentioned in (a)?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—

(a) *Number of undetected crimes:*—

1108	1109	1110	1111	1112
85	50	46	61	66

(b) *Nature of crimes:*—

	1108	1109	1110	1111	1112
Murder	..	..	1	..	..
House-break and theft	46	36	31	41	41

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Ordinary theft	36	13	12	19	23
Cattle theft	3	1	2	1	2
Total	85	50	46	61	66

(c) Usually, a case reported in the station is not handled exclusively by one officer, the Inspector and all the Head Constables very often and the superior officers whenever necessary, work at the same case on different occasions, and the collection of the names of these officers involves too great an amount of labour.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, which is this one undetected murder case of 1110?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I think it is the Vallivattom murder case.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know which incident it is?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—It took place at Irinjalakuda.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).— തലകാണാതെ കിടന്നിരുന്ന കേസല്ലേ ഇതു്?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know how this large number of house breaking and theft cases remained undetected with our efficient police force?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I do not think that it is an enormous number when compared to what happens elsewhere.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is there any method by which we could reduce these undetected cases?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Every effort is being made and the detection does not always depend upon the efficiency of the police alone.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can any method be devised to reduce the number of undetected cases? According to me this figure is alarming.

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Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—I can only request the Hon'ble Member to wait and see whether things will improve.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Can you give us the percentage of undetected cases? The figure given here is 41. What is the total number of occurrences? That will give us an idea as to the efficiency of the police.

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—I can give the percentage of property recovered. 59.9 per cent has been recovered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether the Vigilance Committees whose anniversary was celebrated yesterday did any beneficial effect upon the detection of crime?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—It has.

Salary—allowance—Police officer—with-holding of.

161. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the salary or allowance of any police officer was or has been with-held by the Head of the Department; if so, under what powers; how many officers have been affected by this; who are they?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—The question is not clear as there are many instances of pay and allowance of officers being with-held in this department in monthly pay bills pending sanction of leave of such officers or on account of certain officers being on transit from one station to another towards the close of the month. The period for which the information required is not also given in the question. It is not therefore possible to give a definite reply.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Has the salary or allowance been withheld as punishment for an officer and if so whether sanction has been taken from the Government?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—There must have been cases. I want notice.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Is it generally done with the sanction of the Government?

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